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Howard E. Rhodes et al.

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For: AN OPTIMIZED PHOTODIODE  
PROCESS FOR IMPROVED TRANSFER  
GATE LEAKAGE

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.  
patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.